

## BRIEFING: SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #7

TO: Chairman Richard and Board Members

FROM: Michelle Boehm, Southern California Regional Director

**DATE:** September 16, 2014

**RE:** Consider Releasing a Request for Qualifications for Regional Consultant

Services for the Burbank to Los Angeles/Anaheim Corridor

# **Background**

Pursuant to Board Resolution #HSRA 14-06, approved on April 10, 2014, staff seeks the Board's approval for the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to procure environmental/engineering services for the Burbank to Anaheim Corridor (covering the Burbank to Los Angeles and Los Angeles to Anaheim sections) pursuant to the Board's policy on issuance of RFQ, as the existing Regional Consultant contract for the Los Angeles to Anaheim section will expire on March 30, 2015.

Regional Consultants provide the professional services required for the preparation of the environmental documentation and conceptual engineering for all the sections of the high-speed rail program.

### **Discussion**

At the June 2014 Board meeting, staff presented to the Board the formal division of the Palmdale to Los Angeles project section into the Palmdale to San Fernando Valley (Burbank Airport) project section and the San Fernando Valley (Burbank Airport) to Los Angeles project section. Staff concluded that dividing the Palmdale to Los Angeles section into two sections would support more focused stakeholder and community outreach, streamline delivery of the both sections, and accommodate the inherent complexities and coordination that will be required with the Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) Master Plan, Southern California Regional Interconnector, and Los Angeles River Revitalization projects.

Subsequently, staff determined that due to active projects sponsored by L.A. Metro (LAUS Master Plan and the Southern California Regional Interconnector Project) it would be beneficial to have one environmental/engineering team to coordinate the work/studies that are centralized around LAUS due to the complexity of the work. As such, the Burbank to Los Angeles project section and the Los Angeles to Anaheim project section have been combined and are referred to

here as the Burbank to Anaheim Corridor. As of July 2014, approximately \$12.5 million of the authorized contract amount remains yet to be expended on the Los Angeles to Anaheim section.

The Burbank to Anaheim Corridor is part of the Phase 1 blended implementation and extends approximately 50 miles between Burbank Airport and the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center. The Burbank to Anaheim Corridor covers two environmental sections:

- Burbank to LAUS section
- LAUS to Anaheim section

The estimated value of the contract is \$51 million. The contract duration is expected to be five years. This contract amount is consistent with the overall cost estimates contained in the 2014 Business Plan.

Since 2005, work that has been initiated and/or completed for the Palmdale to Los Angeles section, as part of a previous contract, includes the following:

- Scoping Report (completed)
- Purpose and Need Document (completed)
- Preliminary Engineering (on-going)
- Environmental Technical Studies (on-going)
- Supplemental Alternatives Analysis (completed)
- Public Outreach Activities/Agency Coordination (on-going)

Since 2006, work that has been initiated and/or completed for the Los Angeles to Anaheim section, as part of a previous contract, includes the following:

- Scoping Report (completed)
- Purpose and Need Document (completed)
- Preliminary Engineering (on-going)
- Environmental Technical Studies (not started)
- Supplemental Alternatives Analysis (on-going)
- Public Outreach Activities/Agency Coordination (on-going)

The scope of environmental/engineering services to be procured includes:

- Finalizing Supplemental Alternatives Analysis
- Completing the project-level Environmental Documentation (one for each project section)
- Completing 15 percent conceptual engineering with an option for completing preliminary engineering to support procurement.
- Supporting preparation of design-build or other form of contract documents.
- Supporting stakeholder and agency coordination consistent with the Authority's goals.
- Supporting the Authority on an as needed basis in station area planning, sustainability, private investment, phasing and implementation planning.

A more extensive statement of the proposed scope of services is included in the draft RFQ provided to the Board. The actual services the consultants will provide will be based on an annual work program and will be authorized and managed as specific tasks and deliverables.

Authority staff will manage the RFQ for environmental/engineering services consistent with the Board's policies and the State of California's competitive Architectural & Engineering procurement process and applicable codes and regulations. Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) will be technically evaluated by the Authority and other public employees pursuant to established criteria based on:

- Past Performance and Experience
- Team Organization, Key Personnel and Management Approach
- Understanding of Project Elements and Work
- Small Business Participation

This will be followed by oral discussions, final rankings of teams submitting SOQs, negotiation with the top ranked team, and award of contract by this Board. The resulting contract for Burbank to Anaheim Corridor Environmental/Engineering Services will include the Board-adopted 30 percent participation goal under the Revised Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program for Professional Services Contracts.

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board adopt a Resolution approving issuance of a Request for Qualifications to procure Environmental/Engineering Services for the Burbank to Anaheim Corridor for an estimated contract value of \$51 million.

Staff will issue the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) consistent with Board direction and return to the board with a recommendation for award of a contract to the top ranked proposer.

### **Attachments**

- Draft Request for Qualifications for Environmental/Engineering Services
- Draft Resolution #HSRA 14-25